

Wyoming Boulevard lane closure scheduled

A lane closure of the northbound on Wyoming Boulevard is scheduled through Oct. 15, each day 6 a.m.-3 p.m.

The lane closure supports construction of the utility infrastructure servicing the privatized housing area.

To minimize impact on traffic, two in-bound lanes will be maintained during the morning rush hours and two out-bound lanes will be maintained during the afternoon rush hours.

Contact Joseph Lujan at 846-6703 if you have questions or need additional information on closure.

Firing range for training only

The Kirtland AFB firing range is only open to active duty military members for training purposes only!

Kirtland AFB does not have a range to shoot privately owned weapons.

Manzano Bridge repair scheduled Oct. 4

Work on the Manzano bridge approach is scheduled from Oct. 4 through the early part of December.

This is necessary for a Contractor to repair the approaches on both ends of the bridge.

One lane of the bridge will remain open at all times and flagmen will be directing traffic. Expect delays and seek alternate routes.

For questions call Ruben Segovia at 934-9680 or Lew Seebinger at 934-9681.

Change of hours of operation at dining facility starts today

The new hours of operation will be:

Breakfast:
5:45 – 7:45 a.m.

Lunch:
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dinner:
4-7 p.m.

Midnight:
10 p.m. – midnight

For questions call 2nd Lt. Devanie Bridges at 846-1820.

Balloon Fiesta volunteers needed

The 2004 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta starts today.

A cadre of volunteers has formed to help escort chase crews onto Kirtland AFB in the event that a hot air balloon lands inside the installation. However, more volunteers are needed.

Volunteers would need to be stationed at the Gibson gate during periods when the balloons are in flight.

Balloon ascensions are scheduled:

Today at 5 p.m.

Tomorrow at 5:45 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Oct. 3-10 at 5:45 a.m.

If you would like to volunteer for one or more of 11 volunteer slots, contact 2nd Lt. Peter Howard at peter.howard@kirtland.af.mil.



Photo by Lisa Gonzales

Making life better

Lt. Col. David Preston, 377th Services Squadron commander, tells Wendy Martin about materials used in Bicentennial Park’s children’s playground area. Funding for the playground’s major improvements were funded in 2003 by the 377th Air Base Wing. Mrs. Martin and Gen. Gregory Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, visited Kirtland AFB, Sept. 23-24, for rededication of the Chapel, following months of major renovations to the sanctuary, funded principally by General Martin’s Quality of Life effort and supplemented by the 377th Air Base Wing.

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We instituted in the Goldwater-Nichols Act in 1986 a transformation of the military to where we force the services to become more joint in their perspectives. We created joint training systems in our schools and exercises and all of us have grown up in that in the last nearly 20 years.

This, I think, is a natural evolution where the Secretary of Defense is picking those people who he believes are qualified to lead these regional commands without regard to their service. but rather based on his appreciation for the individual’s potential to serve in that position.

In my view, it is exactly the kind of thing that was envisioned by Congress when they passed the Goldwater-Nichols Act.

How do you feel about TEAM KIRTLAND

It was great to be at Kirtland and see progress made, especially with the chapel and housing privatization. I had the opportunity to engage with the Community Action Information Board, and deal with a host of issues that involve our people’s trust and concern.

I applaud the work that is going on here, not only in terms of the 377th Air Base Wing, but what they do to support the many other associate units here, Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Air Force Safety Center, the work they do with Department of Energy and Air Education and Training Command and the work they do with rescue and special ops.

There are so many activities going on out here that depend heavily on the 377th. I salute the people of the command and I appreciate what they are doing to make all of us in Air Force Materiel command feel good about what we are doing for other people.

38 selected for promotion to captain

Distributed Missions Operations Center
Jill O’Brien

58th Maintenance Group
Aaron B. Banks

58th Maintenance Squadron
Jesse W. Goolsby

58th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Stephen S. Fischer

58th Operations Support Squadron
Eric M. Hendrickson

58th Special Operations Wing
Gary D. Peterson

342th Training Squadron
William G. Broadbent

377th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Patrick J. Hamilton

377th Comptroller Squadron
Ariol Paz

377th Contracting Squadron
Jeremy D. Perry

551st Special Operations Squadron
Charles W. Mauze
Ryan M. Vanveelen

Air Force Institute of Technology
Nicholas W. Sawruk

Air Force Research Laboratory

Randall E. Carlson
Cristoval D. Castillo
Edward G. Ferguson
Norman C. Johns
John J. Madsen
William R. Packham
Erin N. Pettyjohn
Dale S. Sanders
Shawn E. Sawyer
David A. Smith

Airborne Laser Program Office
Cindi N. Chapman

Space and Missile Systems Center, Detachment 12
Torry C. Crooks,
William A. Emmer
Rachael L. Glasgow
Benjamin L. Koch
Jonathon S. Seal
Crosby H. Toyama
Thomas B. Younker

Air Force Inspection Agency
Gabriel D. Johnson
Af Safety Center Fo
Melanie M. Presuto

Air Force Operational Test Evaluation Center
Nelson Avilesfigueroa
Erika N. Banks
Tyler B. Harris
Joel Auburtin Poche
Michael A. Scott

Education Town Hall Meeting brings TEAM Kirtland and Albuquerque Public Schools together

In the past, some military parents have voiced concern about the quality of Highland Cluster schools. In particular, parents felt that many cluster schools did not have rigorous academic expectations and appeared to have disciplinary and safety problems.

With these concerns in mind, a partnership — the Safety, Discipline and Education Team of the Public Schools Initiative — was established between Kirtland AFB and the 14 principals of the Highland Cluster.

Together, Kirtland AFB leadership, the Highland Cluster principals, and parents of school children have laid the foundation for action plans to address concerns, clarify expectations, and establish a better system of communication between cluster schools and military families.

Col. Hank Andrews, 377th Air Base Wing commander, opened an Education Town Hall meeting on Sept. 22 stating, “Together, Highland cluster principals and TEAM Kirtland members have worked to understand perceptions, gather data to research, and initiate plans to improve areas of concern.

Our partnership is a success due to the commitment and the positive attitude of the educators we work with.”

PSI Team leaders then briefed demographics of free and reduced lunch and stability of school children, explaining some of the challenges our local schools face. Then, based on a collection of nearly 1,400 parent surveys, the audience was shown parents’ top concerns about Highland Cluster Schools: academic rigor, safety and discipline.

Nicolette (Nikki) Dennis, Highland Cluster leader and Bandelier Elementary School principal, shared information about student performance on various assessments.

Ms. Dennis explained the relationship between student academic performance in language arts and the ability to understand English. Many students who are learning English as a second language have difficulty testing in English.

Ms. Dennis also shared that while we continue to raise the bar, today’s high school students leave Highland well prepared to succeed in college and are on par with other students in the nation.

Several principals shared programs they have implemented in their schools. For example, five schools offer dual language programs; five participate in the science and technology magnet grant and one school is a liberal arts magnet. Additionally; all middle and high schools offer some form of advanced placement classes and most schools have extensive before and after-school programs for students.

The team shared that it is committed to enhancing avenues of communication between parents and educa-

tors in order to ensure that our children are safe in their schools and receive the best education available. The team already has several committees in place to establish consistent disciplinary expectations across the cluster and strengthen academic rigor.

Additionally, schools are working to improve the quality of their websites and align computer systems to provide better information to parents.

“The dedication of the principals in the Highland Cluster is amazing,” said Maj. Lisa McColgan, PSI Team Leader.

“We’ve been coming together for ten months to share views and make changes to benefit our children. These principals care about the views of Kirtland parents and want to adapt their education programs to meet our needs,” she added.

The town hall briefing slides are available at www.kirtland.af.mil. If you would like to join the PSI Team or learn more about this partnership, contact Maj. Lisa McColgan at 846-7296.

(Courtesy of Public Schools Initiative Team)



Photo by Dennis Carlson

Nikki Dennis Highland Cluster Lead Principal and Principal of Bandelier School discusses the results of the recent survey conducted in the Highland School cluster at a townhall meeting Sept. 22.

22 selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel

Airborne Laser Program Office

Jeffrey D. Cetola,
Michael R. Contratto
Sean W. Perkins

Air Force Inspection Agency

William T. Bennett
Gary M. Spillman

Air Force Nuclear Weapons Agency

Stacy Locklear Jr.

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Brian A. Yates

377th Contracting Squadron

Rafael E. Oliva

377th Medical Operations Squadron

Stephen J. Stoecker

58th Operations Group

Jesse Bourque Jr.
Andrew A. Clarke

58th Operations Support Squadron

Joel L. Martin

58th Training Squadron

James R. Smith Jr.

Distributed Missions Operations Center

David M. Crean